

Postal Service Mail Sorters, Processors, and Processing Machine Operators (43-5053)

Occupation description: Prepare incoming and outgoing mail for distribution. Examine, sort, and route mail. Load, operate, and occasionally adjust and repair mail processing, sorting, and canceling machinery. Keep records of shipments, pouches, and sacks; and other duties related to mail handling within the postal service. Excludes "Postal Service Clerks" (43-5051) and "Postal Service Mail Carriers" (43-5052).

Employment and Job Openings

	Average employment			Average annual openings		
	2010 estimate	2020 projection	Percent change	Growth	Replacement	Total
Alaska	395	364	-7.8	0	4	4
United States	142,000	73,000	-48.5	0	750	750

Job outlook

Alaska: Alaska's employment growth is low with low employment opportunities. [Read more.](#)

2013 Wages

	Mean Wage and 95% Confidence Interval			Wage by Percentile		
	Low	Mean	High	10th	Median	90th
United States	n/a	23.09	n/a	13.76	25.88	25.98
Alaska	17.53	18.32	19.11	10.00	14.90	25.89
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area (MSA)	21.57	23.31	25.05	14.89	25.88	25.98
Southeast Region	18.49	19.36	20.23	9.46	25.02	25.89
Balance of State	12.56	12.84	13.12	9.46	11.77	16.68

Labor Force Indicators

2012 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
12	1	8.3	9.1	9.1

2012 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	4
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	2
UI claimants previously working in occupation	1

2012 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	214
Number of job position postings	17

Typical Entry-level Education, Experience, and/or On-the-job Training**Education:** High school diploma or equivalent**Work experience:** None**On-the-job training:** Short-term on-the-job training

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